Dear Families,

Welcome back for our second term together. Time seems to be flying! I can’t believe that we have already finished the first week of Term 2!

Classes have settled back into routine quickly and the children were certainly pleased to catch up after the holidays. It has been an exciting week with excursions to the History of the Orbost Railway exhibition for everyone; a visit to Nagle College for Year 5&6 and the first swimming session for Colman.

Staff members have met after school every day to ensure that we continue learning about the Victorian Curriculum and that we are well prepared to facilitate quality learning programs for your children. I thank them for their ongoing diligence and commitment.

I am very pleased to announce that Jayme Royce will also be teaching on Mondays for the rest of the year. She is going to teach small groups of children from all classes to enhance their learning opportunities and help them to achieve their potential.

Please read the information about the Gifted and Talented workshop in this newsletter and give attending careful consideration. It would be great if we could have some representatives at this valuable gathering. I understand that there will be child minding facilities available for participants. Give me a call if you’re interested. Our bus will be taking a group to Bairnsdale.

ANZAC Day is also approaching quickly. I am assured that St Joseph’s is always well represented at this very important community event. Please allocate some time to come and walk with us. I will send further details next week.

We are also planning a Mothers’ Day stall where the children will be able to purchase low cost gifts to surprise mum and a celebration here at school. It looks like Friday 6th May will include the Orbost Combined Cross Country and our Mothers’ Day celebrations. Again you will receive more information about this next week.

We have had a few issues trying to get a mutually convenient date with the photographer for our school photos. They are set for Friday 13th May. Fingers crossed that we won’t need further changes!

Special thanks to Jo and Darren from Orbost Auto Electrics for repairing the minor problem with the air conditioning in the bus. We all appreciate your generosity.

Marion Ward has managed the school gardens for a long time. Unfortunately she is unwell at the moment. We really miss her as the children love getting out into the garden and learn so much from her. We thank her for her efforts and wish her a speedy recovery. If anyone has gardening skills, or a little time, to try to fill this void we would love to hear from you!

It has been great to catch up with the students and some parents throughout this week. Don’t forget that our doors are always open and I encourage you to call in for a chat about your child’s progress if you haven’t already done so. It is always great to hear when your children are going well, and important to work in partnership with staff members to overcome any difficulties. Formal collaborative conferences are

Dates to Remember

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 21st</td>
<td>9.15-11.00am Play Group with Puppets &amp; Play</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 22nd</td>
<td>9.30am Colman Library, 2pm Colman Indoor swimming, 2.45 Assembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 25th</td>
<td>ANZAC DAY</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Respect - Reverence – Love and Compassion – Honesty – Generosity – Commitment – Faithfulness – Inclusion – Forgiveness
planned for later this term but you are very welcome to call in any time.

I accept feedback as a gift and always appreciate parents coming to me with any concerns or queries. Of course, I absolutely love hearing about things that we can celebrate! Don’t forget to let me know of out-of-school achievements as well. I know that many of our children participate in a range of activities beyond school.

Enjoy your weekend,

Kind regards,
Marie

Weekly Awards

**MacKillop:**
Allaura Beguely: For a fabulous first week at St Joseph’s.

**Colman:**
Hope Jones: For always having a smile on her face and positive attitude!

**Xavier:**
Katelyn Jones: For a great effort on her fraction flags.

**SPORT:**
Nicolas Martinez: For being an excellent role model in PE!

East Gippsland Shire Library
Lego Club

Junior Lego enthusiasts are invited to attend our after school Lego Club sessions. The supervised sessions are held at the Orbost Library and will incorporate freestyle creativity as well as some themed construction activities.

- **Tuesday May 10th**
- **Tuesday June 14th**
- **Tuesday July 19th**

Bookings are essential (ages 5-12, Children aged six and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Phone 51524225 or book in person at the library for these free sessions.

This Week’s Mass Times

- Sat 16th St Colman’s, Orbost 6.00pm
- Sun 17th St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9.00am

Puppets & Play

Come and Join the fun!
Friendly sessions for children under school age
Promoting language, play and social interaction
Great opportunity for school transition
Contact – Jacque Archer 51546636

St Joseph’s Primary School 9.15 – 9.45am Thursdays
Marlo Primary School  10.15-11.15 am Thursdays
Orbost Primary School  9.00- 10.30 am Wednesdays
Orbost North Primary School 12.15 -1.15pm Thursdays
Newmerella Primary School 11.30-1 pm Mondays

Support for Parents of Children with Special Needs

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

You are warmly invited for an afternoon tea/coffee at Maternal and Child Health Centre, 1 Ruskin Street, Orbost at 12.30pm on Thursday 2nd May.

The group share ideas, give and receive support and experiences: plus Special Guests, information and Pamper Days!

Weekly Reminders:

- **Lunch orders:** are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Brain Food:** please send along a piece of fruit or raw vegetables cut up for your child to eat at their 10am break.
- **Sport:** with Miss Pearson on Monday’s.
- **St. Joseph’s Playgroup:** Thursday 9.15am to 11.30am
- **Uniform Shop:** Maintained by Ms Marie Donchi – Orders can be placed at the office.

Out of hours childcare/vacation care:
For bookings phone Maree Matthews on 0409 953 17

Breakfast Club

If any one would like to be put on the Breakfast Club roster please contact Julie in the office

Respect - Reverence – Love and Compassion – Honesty – Generosity – Commitment – Faithfulness – Inclusion – Forgiveness
St Joseph’s Playgroup

Playgroup with Puppets & Play and Beat Boppers every Thursday during the school term.
Please spread the word that all pre-school aged children are welcome to come along, join in and enjoy the fun!
Sessions are run every Thursday during school term, 9.15am to 11.30am.

All families are most welcome.

Book Club

For any families who would like to have a look at Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 brochures, you can pick a copy up from the office. We will be sending Issue 4 home later in the school term.

The Called and Gifted Workshops

I encourage everyone to read, consider and hopefully attend this exciting workshop that is being offered in Bairnsdale. Father Michael and Father Anthony both assure me that the benefits will be great both personally and for our parish. I would love some parents from our school community to attend. Please give me a call if you would like more information or if you would like to come along.

Marie

AN INVITATION TO EACH PERSON – YOU ARE CALLED AND GIFTED!
The Diocese of Sale is embarking on a process whereby every person in the Diocese is invited to deepen their spiritual life and to discern God’s call for them. The Called and Gifted workshops, presented by the Catherine of Siena Institute, encourages all to discover God’s call for their life through the discernments of the gifts and charisms received from God. Through Baptism, God has gifted each person for a unique vocation, enriched by gifts and charisms to be used to show God’s love to world in serving others. The Called and Gifted workshops assist in discerning how our spiritual gifts can change the world and spread the Gospel, and how using our gifts together can transform and renew our parishes and diocese. Each parish and school is invited to participate in one of four Called and Gifted Regional Workshops. Participants will be given take home materials for reflection and personal use at home.

7th MAY ST MARY’S PARISH CENTRE, NICHOLSON ST, BAIRNSDALE

2016 School Fees & Levies

Term 2 Fees and Levies are now due for payment

School Banking Details for Direct Payments:
Account Name: St Joseph’s Primary School, Orbost
Bank: NAB, Sale
BSB: 083-879
Account No: 69545 2766
Remember to include your surname and family code if possible – if you are unsure, just ask at the Office for assistance.

Around Our School

Railway Exhibition Visit
Year 5 & 6 Students enjoyed the Nagle College Expo

Respect - Reverence – Love and Compassion – Honesty – Generosity – Commitment – Faithfulness – Inclusion – Forgiveness